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## SALES OF FARM PRODUCE AT ALEXANDRIA AND SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY.

August, 1946.

### Potato Supplies Slightly Larger.

Arrivals at Sussex-street from Tasmania amounted to 118,725 bags, compared with 114,673 received during July. These tubers comprised No. 1 grade Brownells, Bismarcks, Arranchiefs, Up-to-Dates and Snowflakes.

Victorian consignments received at Alexandria were much heavier, 24,474 bags being available, compared with only 5,250 the previous month. Most of the potatoes were No. 1 grade Car-mans and Snowflakes, but 300 bags comprised No. 3 grade. The only supplies to hand from local centres consisted of 260 bags of No. 3 grade Factors from Tumbarumba, and 1,017 bags of seed from the Crookwell district.

A large proportion of the receivals was utilised for civilian consumption.

Prices fixed for the month ended 31st August, Sydney basis were:—

### Wholesalers' Prices to Retailers.

Local and Interstate—No. 1 grade £7 17s. 6d., undergrades, £6 7s. 6d. per ton.

Rates for New South Wales grown potatoes for delivery to country areas were as quoted, plus freight from loading station; prices for Interstate potatoes to New South Wales country areas were as quoted, plus freight from Sydney or loading station, whichever was the lower. Primary merchants' prices to wholesalers are £1 5s. od. per ton less than the figures quoted.

### Swedes in Lighter Supply.

Arrivals at Alexandria comprised 510 bags from Victoria, 174 from local centres and 437 from Tasmania, via Victoria. Both the Victorian and Tasmanian supplies were quoted at £8 to £9, while local lots realised from £8 to £10 per ton. A total of 4,607 bags was received at Sussex-street from Tasmania, and sold at £12 early in the month and later £9 to £10, washed to £11 per ton.

### Other Root Vegetables Very Scarce.

The only carrots forward at Alexandria consisted of 165 bags from Victoria, which realised £14 per ton. At Darling Harbour one truck was received from local centres and one from Victoria. Local lots brought £10 5s. od. and Victorian £13 per ton.

Supplies of parsnips were extremely light, only one truck from Victoria being received which sold readily at £18 per ton.

### Pumpkin Prices Increase.

Arrivals totalled 141 trucks or six less than the previous month, and included 24 from local centres and 117 from Queensland. Although consignments were heavy, prices gradually improved and, at the end of August, were £4 per ton higher than July's closing quotes.

Early in the period, local pumpkins brought from £11 to £12, with a few triambles £10, but later, sales were made at £14 to £15, few £16 per ton. Queensland lots also cleared early at £11 to £12, while closing quotes ranged from £14 to £15 per ton.

#### **Marked Decrease in Onion Deliveries.**

Victorian brown onions were in much lighter supply a total of 10,317 bags being available compared with 24,463 received last month. Request was good and clearances of table lines were made at approximately £17 10s. od. to £18 per ton. Pickling lots included amounted to 1,032 bags and sold at £15 to £16 per ton. One truck forward at Darling Harbour realised approximately £17 10s. od. to £18 per ton.

#### **Oaten Chaff Sells Well—Supplies Lighter.**

Consignments showed a considerable reduction and aggregated 133½ trucks, compared with 195 received in July. The smaller quantity available and the continued dry weather, caused the market to rise to the ceiling level of £10 5s. od. per ton. Early in the month medium realised £8, good sound £8 10s. od. to £9 5s. od., and prime £13 10s. od. per ton. In addition, 5 trucks of lucerne good sound at £9 10s. od. to £10, and prime £10 to £10 5s. od. At auction, medium brought £8 to £8 10s. od. per ton.

#### **Wheaten Chaff Consignments Decrease.**

Supplies were almost half the quantity available last month and amounted to 29 trucks. Prices early in the period were much lower than those ruling subsequently. Medium realised £6 10s. od. to £7 5s. od., good sound £8 10s. od. to £9, and prime £8 15s. od. to £9 5s. od. per ton. Closing sales were made of good sound at £9 15s. od. to £10, prime £10 to £10 5s. od., and medium, at auction, £7 16s. 8d. to £8 per ton.

#### **Lucerne Chaff Scarce.**

Consignments decreased by 8½ trucks and totalled 21½ trucks. This amount was not nearly sufficient for requirements and clearances were readily effected. Early in the period medium realised £9 to £10, good sound £10 10s. od. to £11 10s. od., and prime £13 to £13 10s. od. per ton. Later, good sound brought £13 and prime £13 10s. od. per ton. In addition, 5 trucks of lucerne threshings were quoted at £9 10s. od., and 28 bags of dust at £15 15s. od. to £16 per ton.

#### **Lucerne Hay Supplies Lighter.**

Arrivals of lucerne hay from the Maitland district were larger and totalled 56 trucks compared with 45½ received in July. The continued dry weather and reduced supplies from other centres were material factors in causing prices to rise to the highest levels for some months. Opening quotes for new soft green ranged from £5 10s. od. to £7 and well made lots brought from £7 to £7 10s. od. per ton. The range for well made lines at the end of August was £8 to £10 per ton.

Considerably reduced consignments were forwarded from other centres, totalling only 17 trucks; 48 were received in July.

A very active demand prevailed and prompt clearances were effected, particularly during the latter half of the period. Early sales of prime were made at £11 10s. od., whilst later the maximum rate of £12 5s. od. was obtained for all good and prime grades.

Good sound derrick-pressed brought £8 during the first week and £10 per ton a few days later.

#### **Oaten Hay Truckings Reduced.**

The quantity available showed a decrease and totalled 26 trucks, including 17½ of rack and 8½ of derrick-pressed. Good sound rack realised £9 10s. od., prime £10 10s. od., and choice £10 15s. od. to £11 per ton. Medium quality derrick-pressed cleared at £5 and good sound £6 15s. od. to £7 per ton.

#### **Wheaten Hay.**

No consignments were received during the month.

#### **Straw Very Scarce.**

Supplies totalled only 36½ trucks, including 15½ trucks of oaten, 4 of wheaten and 17 of rice. This amount was far below normal requirements and, request being very keen, maximum prices were readily paid for prime quality lines. A few sales were made of prime early in the period at £6 10s. od. to £7 5s. od., but subsequently, good sound realised £7 to £7 5s. od., and prime £7 10s. od. per ton. Prime wheaten straw brought £7 10s. od. per ton.

No prices were available for rice straw.

#### **Wheat Supplies Limited.**

Only 7 trucks were received at Alexandria, the bulk of which was taken direct to store. One truck of pick-ups realised 4s. 6d. per bushel at auction.

#### **Maize Scarce.**

Very light consignments were forwarded to Alexandria totalling 1,069 bags, including 425 of yellow and 291 of white from local centres, and 353 of yellow from Queensland. In addition, 140 bags of yellow was received at Sussex-street from the North Coast.

All supplies were taken direct to store.

#### **Oat Stocks Limited.**

The 6 trucks were not available for general trading.

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